

NARRATIVES OF THE JESUIT FATHERS.

81/ LAST year the French reading part of the Canadian people were edified and delighted by the publication of the original Narratives of the Jesuit Fathers, who were the pioneers of religion and its attendant civilization in Canada. This work, important as it is to the French Canadian, is not less so to the English-speaking part of the population of North America. All inhabitants of this great continent, especially all Canadians, will assign it an honored place on the shelves which bear the stirring narratives of the first English and Dutch adventurers.

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The early history of Canada is at this moment attracting much attention. The French Government has made large and precious contributions of historical matter to our Provincial Library, both manuscript and printed, relating chiefly to Canada, its settlement and wars; the Government of the United States has been ever zealous in collecting documents relating to the acts and sufferings of their hardy and adventurous founders; and the encouragement of the same character in aid of enterprise which our own Government could afford, has always been promptly and effectually granted.

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Le (8) The Narratives now sought to be presented to the public are of great value to all classes. To the religionist, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, they afford precious evidence of the zeal of those servants of his Holy Religion who devoted themselves to its propagation among the heathen, and went forward through many a fiery trial, ~~to the crown of martyrdom~~ the crown of martyrdom. The ethnologist will find in them faithful descriptions of a race now much deteriorated and rapidly approaching to extinction, written amongst them as they lived and moved, hunted and fought, married and died, received baptism or ferociously murdered the men who sought to bestow it on them. Ordinary readers, from the intelligent scholar to the untought peasant, will peruse with interest an account of men who trod the soil on which they now move,—who were the lords of the forest and the river, now smiling with the rich harvest or glittering with the vessels of commerce,—and will learn with some emotion that ~~live~~ they live and sleep in security on the self-same spot which has been often drenched with the blood shed in warfare or by massacre. 81/

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